



City of

LEMON GROVE

*"Best Climate
on Earth"*

Fall 2006

Newsletter

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CITY WEBSITE MAKEOVER!

Question - What do you do when your website is a real *LEMON*?

Answer – **Enter a contest???** Yes, Lemon Grove was selected by CivicPlus' Extreme Makeover Contest Selection Committee to receive a free website makeover.

Realizing that the Internet serves as a window to the rest of the world, we knew that our former website fell short. So, late last year, representatives from each City department began analyzing needs and wants and created a wish list for features, content, look and feel, hoping to redevelop the site on our own.

However, it soon became clear that professional assistance would be needed... assistance for which there was no available funding. The website ideas would have to be shelved until funding could be found. But, just before those ideas began to gather dust, the telephone rang with the wonderful news...

WE WON SECOND PLACE!!

Before...



After...



Visit us on the web:

www.ci.lemon-grove.ca.us

Let us know how we
can make it even better...

Suggestions are always welcome!

So, believe it or not, CivicPlus, a Kansas based web design firm that specializes in government websites (www.civicplus.com), created a wonderful new website and trained key staff (who, in turn, trained staff members in every City department) so that the website can be maintained in-house. CivicPlus' development team and City staff teamed up to create a professional, easy-to-use, and informative website. Visitors can now easily find information with *Calendar of Events*, *News and Updates*, *Notify Me* (e-mail subscriptions), *Meeting Agendas*, and so much more! The site also provides staff contacts for questions.

Residents will also enjoy streamlined communication with the City through the *Report A Problem* feature. Requests such as street lights out and potholes may be submitted to the City via the website, which are then tracked by City staff.

We're thrilled that CivicPlus made our website a "must-see" from the lemon it used to be!

Tell us what you think...

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Community News

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

The City of Lemon Grove wants to hear from you! We want to know your thoughts and suggestions for redevelopment within the City.

The City is sponsoring an informational survey to learn what you think about our business districts and gather your opinions about improvements that can be made in our downtown area.

It's easy to participate. Starting in early November, you will be able to take the survey online through the City's website (www.ci.lemon-grove.ca.us/survey) or fill out the short survey at City Hall, the Recreation Center, the Lemon Grove Library or the Senior Center. In addition, our survey team will conduct a limited number of random telephone surveys from November 14-16 and conduct the survey at the following popular shopping locations:

The Home Depot:	7530 Broadway	Saturday, November 4	9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Albertson's:	7090 Broadway	Saturday, November 11	9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Henry's Marketplace:	3205 Lemon Grove Ave.....	Sunday, November 12	10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Survey results will be presented to the City Council in December or early January. Your opinions will help our City plan and start projects through its business districts—making Lemon Grove an even better place to live, work and shop. Thanks in advance for sharing your opinions about the future of our City.



PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

It has been a very busy year for Public Works... a bit more staff, better equipment, regular training, and lots of hard work, are working together to increase the efficiency of the operation. All three of the fully staffed operations crews (Streets, Grounds, Sanitation) are now prepared to respond to emergency call-outs on nights, weekends, and holidays. Response times now average less than one hour.

When reading the following statistics, keep in mind that these three operations crews are made up of a total of only 14 employees!



Storm Drains – The Streets Crew also maintains storm drains. The crew is about half way through clearing and cleaning excess plant growth and trash from all storm drain ditches, culverts, and pipes in preparation for the upcoming rainy season.

Grounds – The Grounds Crew maintains and repairs City parks, restrooms, playground equipment, and landscaped street medians. The Grounds Crew also upgraded the Lester Street and the Senior Center parking lots with landscaping enhancements and irrigation system upgrades.

Streets – The Streets Crew maintains 67 miles of streets. Over the past year, 4.4 miles of new asphalt was laid as part of the annual street rehabilitation program. The streets paved last year include sections of Central Ave, Eldora St, Roy St, Longdale Dr, Deborah Pl, Vista Ave, Deville Dr, Montana St, Arcadia Ave, Central Ave, Sarawak Dr, Lebuon Dr, and Java Ct. In the upcoming year, the City plans to pave another three miles of streets.

Sewers – The Sanitation Crew maintains 66 miles of sewer lines. Last year's purchase of two specialized trucks for pressure cleaning, root cutting, and videotaping sewer lines enabled the new crew to remove roots in almost three miles of sewer lines, pressure clean 38 miles, and visually inspect and videotape another 10 miles in eight months. This regular effort continues to decrease the number of sewer back-ups and overflows throughout the City.

Community News

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

As a result of hard work, innovation, and community involvement, the City has received two regional awards and national recognition this year.

Downtown Village Specific Plan

Over the past three years, the City had been preparing a revitalization roadmap for the Downtown, culminating in the adoption of the Downtown Village Specific Plan last summer. (Go to www.ci.lemon-grove.ca.us/DVSP to download a copy.) This Plan serves as a tool for promoting "smart growth" development opportunities within the City and provides the planning mechanisms to promote "mixed-use" development along the trolley corridor in the Downtown.

The Downtown Village Specific Plan recently won two prestigious awards for planning excellence from the San Diego chapters of the *American Planning Association* and the *Urban Land Institute*. The City won these awards for not only its innovative approach to land-use development, but also for its efforts in soliciting community input in preparing the Plan.

The City appreciates those who attended community workshops, participated on the Downtown Village Specific Plan committee, provided input to the committee, and participated in the public hearing process.

Street Rehabilitation

Lemon Grove was also featured in a national publication because of its innovative approach towards street rehabilitation. *Better Roads*—a trade magazine read by public works managers—praised the City for bringing its paving operations in-house rather than contracting out the work.

Smart Growth: *A set of urban transportation and land use planning policies that benefits communities and preserves the natural environment by encouraging compact, transit-oriented, walkable, and bicycle-friendly land use patterns, and mixed-use development to keep density concentrated in the center of a city to combat urban sprawl.*

Mixed-Use: *The practice of containing more than one type of use in a building or set of buildings—this can mean some combination of residential, commercial, office, institutional, and/or other uses.*

The City realized with its limited streets budget, it had to think differently about street paving to achieve its aggressive goal to repave almost every street in the City over a seven-year period. Previously the City hired contractors to perform the work because it lacked the staff and equipment to do the job.

However, after running a cost analysis, the City realized that it could pave almost twice as many streets for the same amount of money if it purchased the necessary equipment and hired more staff.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

California has a history of natural disasters—earthquakes, fires, and floods in particular. The City of Lemon Grove works hard to ensure that its comprehensive emergency plan will be effective in a large disaster.

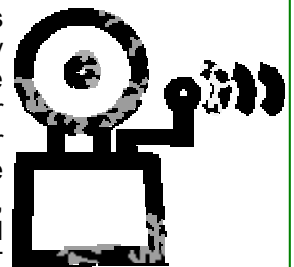
Unfortunately, when widespread disaster impacts an entire region, public safety professionals are spread thin. This was experienced during the 1994 earthquake in the Los Angeles area.

During these major disasters, there are more calls to respond to than there are fire and medical professionals available. Communications failures, road blockages, and massive disruption add to the challenge in being everywhere at once. During these incidents, Lemon Grove residents need to rely on each other to help meet immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

While that reality is very sobering to consider, help is available. Take advantage of free training to learn the skills you would need in a disaster. The Community

Emergency Response Teams (CERT), a program developed by the Los Angeles City Fire Department, teaches disaster preparedness and basic disaster response skills, including fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and team organization. Trained CERT members can then assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following a disaster when professionals are not immediately available. CERT members are also encouraged to take an active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

The next CERT Academy will be a five-Saturday session in Spring 2007. If you would like more information or would like to become a CERT member, please contact the Lemon Grove Fire Department at (619) 825-3835. (Other east county cities including La Mesa, Santee and El Cajon also provide CERT training to community members.)



Community News

CODE ENFORCEMENT'S NEW TOOL

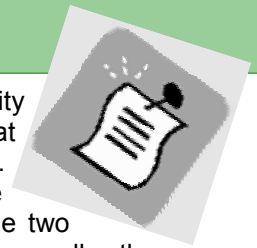
The City recently implemented a new tool which will greatly assist in responding to complaints about Municipal Code violations (abandoned vehicles, accumulation of junk, weed control, etc.) and help beautify our neighborhoods.

Until now, the City's only recourse was to write letters encouraging the property owner or resident to correct the violation, or to go to court. Neither effort was effective. The new system provides for the issuance of progressive citations.

Now, upon receiving a complaint and investigating the situation, the City can issue a warning notice. The notice usually gives the responsible party up to 15 days to correct the violation—unless the violation poses an immediate health and safety threat, then only 24-72 hours.

If the warning is disregarded, the City issues citations with fines that start at \$100 and increase up to \$1,000. Since the program started in June 2006, the City has only had to issue two \$100 citations. Issues arising from all other warning notices were resolved in a timely manner.

Read more about the administrative citation process or download a copy of the "Administrative Citation Procedures" manual on the City's website (www.ci.lemon-grove.ca.us/CodeEnforce). Questions regarding the new policy may be directed to the City Manager at (619) 825-3800. To report a violation, please call (619) 825-3807, or download a complaint form from the City website at the web address above.



2006 RELAY FOR LIFE ® OF LEMON GROVE



CANCER FACTS:

- One out of two men and one in three women will receive a cancer diagnosis in their lifetimes.
- Not using tobacco products, practicing good nutrition habits and being physically active can prevent two-thirds of cancer deaths.

The City of Lemon Grove partnered with the American Cancer Society to have its first-ever Relay For Life ® fundraiser in August. Relay For Life ® is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. The event was at Lemon Grove Middle School on August 12-13. Friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors joined Relay Teams, then team members raised money by collecting pledges. On Relay Day, teams walked around the track for more than 24 hours. Each team kept at least one team member on the track at all times during the 24-hour period, remembering that **"Cancer Never Sleeps."**

The event featured a moving opening ceremony, round-the-clock DJ, quality volunteer entertainment, plenty of donated food and drink to keep the walkers going, information handouts and activities from the American Cancer Society, a kids corral with fun activities, opportunity drawing prizes donated by local businesses, and much, MUCH more...

And behind every successful event, there's a successful organizing committee. **MANY THANKS** to ours! Tasheia Watkins, Event Chair; Joy Trebbien, Entertainment; Jim Ek, Logistics; Al Deininger and Marjie Cappiello, Event Sponsorship; Rosa Relucio, Team Coordinator; Kim Matranga and Demi Din, our American Cancer Society staff partners and MANY willing volunteers who pitched in wherever needed!

2006 Relay Teams:

Bad Company
Cancer Haters
Cruisin' for a Cure
Grove Cancer Busters
Junior Glamour
Rotary Club of Lemon Grove
St. John of the Cross Crusaders
The All American Good Samaritans
The Lemon Aides

And the bottom line:

**Over \$17,500 raised
for cancer research
and programs!**

After having such a wonderful experience at the 2006 **RELAY FOR LIFE OF LEMON GROVE ®**, many asked how to get involved next year, and there is talk of making this worthwhile fundraiser an *annual event* in Lemon Grove. For more information contact Kimberly Matranga at the American Cancer Society at (619) 682-7479 or kimberly.matranga@cancer.org.

Sponsors: Bob Baker Toyota-Scion, Dr. Kevin Swartzberg Family Dental, EDCO, RCP Block & Brick

Community Events

23rd ANNUAL SHERIFF'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Get into the holiday spirit and join us for two mornings of fun, food, music, and good company (Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and McGruff the Crime Dog!)

Friday, December 1, 2006
7:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 2, 2006
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

NEW LOCATION!!!!

**Lighthouse Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
1345 Skyline Drive, Lemon Grove**



Tickets

Adults	\$4.00
Children 4-12	\$2.00
3 & under	FREE
Military in Uniform	FREE

**Purchase Tickets at the door
or call the Lemon Grove Station (619) 337-2000**

All proceeds from this event will be used to help needy area families.

9TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BONFIRE—DECEMBER 1, 2006

Join us on Friday, December 1 for the City of Lemon Grove's 9th Annual Community Bonfire. This free, family-oriented event has been a community favorite since 1998 and features live music, children's games and fun for all ages.

The highlight of the evening will be the lighting of the largest bonfire in the county by Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Sessom.

A donation of canned goods and/or unwrapped toys to the **Soroptimist Club's Holiday Food & Toy Drive** will earn a horse-drawn wagon ride. This program helps make the holiday season more joyful by providing food to needy families and toys to hundreds of children in the Lemon Grove area each year.



For more information:
Recreation Services (619) 825-3815

Sponsored by:
American Medical Response
Cricket Communications
SDG&E
Southwest Strategies
Tipping Point Partners

Free! **Mark
your
calendars!**

Friday, December 1st
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Civic Center Park
(Olive and Church Street)



Adult Sports
Facility Rentals
Parks
Youth Activities

Recreation

GUIDE

October 2006—April 2007

Recreation Services Department

3225 Olive Street

(619) 825-3815 Fax: (619) 825-3817

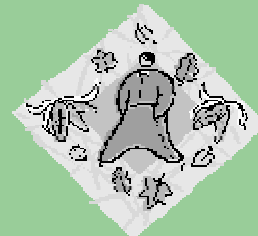
www.ci.lemon-grove.ca.us/RecDept

Recreation Center

3131 School Lane

(619) 825-3828

Site phone is attended during program hours only.



FACILITY RENTALS: The City offers three facilities specifically designed for receptions, meetings, seminars, and other special events. Facilities can accommodate large and small groups and reservations may be made up to one year in advance. Tours of the facilities are available by appointment only. For information please call Recreation Services at (619) 825-3815. www.ci.lemon-grove.ca.us/Rentals

Senior Center

8235 Mt. Vernon Street

This beautiful facility features large French doors opening onto a spacious patio surrounded by grassy areas and walkways creating its own private park-like setting. The large fully equipped kitchen is designed to handle all your catering needs. The Senior Center adjoins Lemon Grove Park and is the perfect location for an outdoor wedding followed by an indoor reception. The facility seats up to 160 for banquet style events, and up to 300 for theater style events.

Community Center

3146 School Lane

The Lemon Grove Community Center is conveniently located in the heart of Lemon Grove. The Community Center features a full kitchen and all the amenities for smaller meetings, conferences, and private parties. The Community Center seats up to 75 for banquet style events, and up to 100 for theater style events.

Annex Courtyard

3225 Olive Street

This intimate outdoor courtyard sits next to the historical H. Lee House. It features a beautiful gazebo for ceremonies or entertainment surrounded by inlaid brickwork and grass. The Annex Courtyard is the perfect setting for an outdoor wedding, anniversary party, and many other special occasion events. The capacity is approximately 100.

Parks

Lemon Grove Park, 2259 Washington St.

Six acres – playground, gazebo, picnic areas and tables, restrooms, basketball court, and walking path.

Berry Street Park, 7071 Mt. Vernon St.

Six acres – playground, gazebos, picnic areas and tables, restrooms, and walking path.

Dan Kunkel Park, 8105 Lemon Grove Way

One acre, neighborhood park with playground, picnic area and tables, basketball court, and walking path.

NEW: Now you can rent the gazebos at Lemon Grove Park and Berry Street Park. Please contact the Recreation Services Department at (619) 825-3815 for fees and park regulations.

Park Hours: Parks are open daily as follows:

6:00 am—9:00 pm April - October

7:00 am—7:00 pm November - March



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Philosophy Statement *Safety, sportsmanship, teamwork and fun are the goals of all Youth Activities. Our staff instills these goals in all participants. We ask all parents to encourage and support their children with these goals in mind.*

FREE After School Drop-In SEPTEMBER - JUNE

Games, arts and crafts, sports, special events and loads of fun await all 2nd through 8th graders, Monday - Friday, 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. at the Lemon Grove Recreation Center, 3131 School Lane. Recreation leaders provide guidance and supervision, ensuring that all children get a chance to participate. At this program – a child is free to come and go as he/she wishes. Children must follow Recreation Center rules and regulations.

REGISTRATION: All parents/guardians must complete a registration packet before child can attend the After School Drop-In program.



Instructors Needed!

The City of Lemon Grove Recreation Services Department is now hiring Class Instructors for the classes listed below. If you are interested in working for the City or have a class idea you would like to teach, pick up an application at Recreation Services Department at 3225 Olive Street, Lemon Grove or call (619) 825-3815.

Classes will be held at one of three Lemon Grove locations: Recreation Center at 3131 School Lane, Community Center at 3146 School Lane, and the Senior Center at 8235 Mt. Vernon Street.

Class schedules, cost and dates to be announced at a later date.

Classes:

Creative Movement	Cooking / Baking
Hip Hop	Cheer
Mommy and Me	Exercise
Tumbling	Knitting
Craft or Art	Holiday Centerpiece
Youth Volleyball	

Kids Night Out

Ages 7-13

A chance for the kids to get out without parents! All participants will need a sweater/jacket, blanket to sit on in the Gym for movies and be ready to participate in group activities. Pizza, popcorn, punch will be served.

Dates: November 17 and December 20

Hours: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 per child per night

Location: Recreation Center, 3131 School Lane

Turkey Camp 2006

Kindergarten – 8th grade
Recreation Center, 3131 School Lane



Dates: November 20, 21 & 22

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50.00 - By November 10
\$55.00 - After November 10
\$25.00 - Single Day Rate Available

Spring Day Camp 2007



Kindergarten – 8th grade
Recreation Center, 3131 School Lane

Dates: April 3-14, 2007 (2 weeks)

Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Weekly Cost:

\$105 L G School District Residents
\$115 Non-School District Residents

BOTH CAMPS:

All children must be registered and signed in and out daily by a parent/guardian. Participants must bring their own lunches and snacks daily. Some of the camp activities are arts & crafts, gym activities, and sports. Our game room has air hockey, foosball and billiards.

Registration: Pick up your registration packets at the Recreation Services Department, 3225 Olive Street, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Closed every other Friday) or download a packet online—www.ci.lemon-grove.ca.us/youth.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Pee Wee Sports

Boys & Girls 3–5 and 6–7

Fridays, Recreation Center Gym

Dates: Four (4) different 5-week sessions:

- #1 Jan 5 – Feb 2Basketball
- #2 Feb 9 – Mar 9Soccer
- #3 Mar 16 – Apr 27...Baseball
- #4 May 4 – Jun 8.....Pillow Polo

Hours: 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Cost: \$25 1st registered session
\$20 additional sessions added
\$80 all sessions registered at one time.

Basketball

All boys and girls, 2nd through 8th grade, are invited to participate in our Youth Basketball League. Participants are evaluated on our designated rating day and are divided into evenly matched teams based on skill level.

League Dates:

January 9 - March 10, 2007

Cost: \$40 per child, includes team T-shirt & a certificate of participation.



Indoor Soccer

It's fun and exciting for boys and girls ages 4-12. Leagues are offered in the following age groups: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. All games are played at the Recreation Center Gym.

League Dates: March 17—May 5, 2007

Cost: \$25 per child, includes T-shirt and a certificate of participation.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION:

Register for all Youth Activities at the Recreation Services Department, 3225 Olive Street, Lemon Grove, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Closed every other Friday) or download a registration packet online at www.ci.lemon-grove.ca.us/youth.

The Recreation Center will be closed during the December 18th – December 29th Holiday Season. For more information call Recreation Services at (619) 825-3815.

ADULT SPORTS

WANTED

The Recreation Services Department is looking for teams and individuals interested in playing in our upcoming Softball and Volleyball leagues. For more information, call Recreation Services at (619) 825-3815.

Softball Leagues

Come join the fun and play softball with friends and family. Adults of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate in our year-round leagues. Leagues are offered on the following nights:

Womens'	Monday
Mens'	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Co-Ed	Wednesday and Sunday

FEES:

- \$350 Resident teams
- \$400 Non-resident teams
- \$ 56 Forfeit deposit
- \$ 14 Per game umpire fee



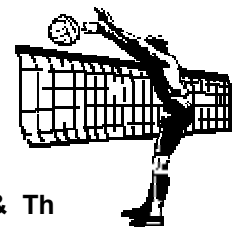
Volleyball Leagues

Year-round leagues are offered at the Recreation Center at 3131 School Lane for adults of all ages and skill levels. Leagues are offered on the following nights:

Co-ed Open	Tuesday (Advanced players)
Womens' Open	Wednesday
Co-ed "B"	Thursday (Beginning/intermediate)

FEES:

- \$175 Resident teams
- \$200 Non-resident teams
- \$ 40 Forfeit deposit
- \$ 8 Per game referee fee



Open play volleyball on T, W, & Th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. when there is no league play.

Youth Sports Leagues



AYSO Soccer	479-1300
Lemon Grove Little League	463-5997
L.G./S.V. Bobby Sox.....	461-0810
Los Toros Bulls Football/Cheer.....	819-0205

Potpourri

HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY DRIVE

The Soroptomist Holiday Food & Toy Drive program needs your help to provide toys, gifts and food for over 700 low income children during the December holidays.

New, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food, and money donations can be dropped off at City Hall, 3232 Main Street or the Recreation Services Department, 3225 Olive Street.

Help make a difference in a child's life...

Call the Recreation Services Department for more information (619) 825-3815.

You may also bring your donations to the City's Annual Community Bonfire on December 1st at Civic Center Park. See "9th Annual Community Bonfire" on Page 5...



CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED



We hope to make your next visit to City Hall a more convenient one. Now you may use your **VISA** or **MASTERCARD** to pay for all City services.

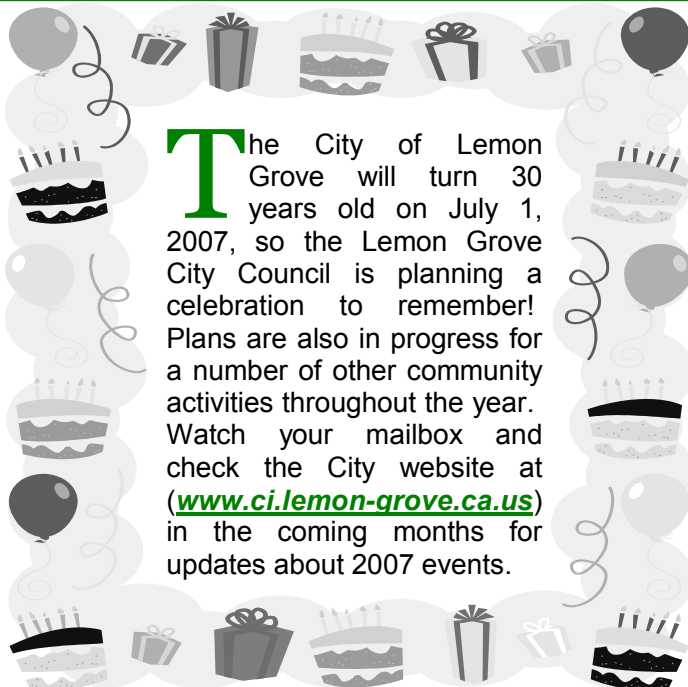
DID YOU KNOW?

That it is illegal to cover your license plate with a clear plastic cover (California Vehicle Code 5201 (f)) and that all vehicles must visibly have front and back license plates (California Vehicle Code 5200)? These mostly un-enforced code sections are now getting more attention. Why? The State of California is pushing for greater enforcement because of the increased use of red light cameras across the State. These cameras help reduce running red lights, a significant factor in accidents at intersections.



Violations for these vehicle codes carry a \$30 fine. Make sure your car has a front license plate and remove plastic covers to avoid being cited.

WE'RE TURNING 30!



The City of Lemon Grove will turn 30 years old on July 1, 2007, so the Lemon Grove City Council is planning a celebration to remember! Plans are also in progress for a number of other community activities throughout the year. Watch your mailbox and check the City website at (www.ci.lemon-grove.ca.us) in the coming months for updates about 2007 events.

Join us in celebrating 30 years of community spirit!

CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Childhood obesity has drawn much media attention lately. Medical data clearly shows the dramatic increase in childhood obesity over the past few decades. Certainly the long-term health and financial impacts of this will be dramatic as our children reach adulthood.

Lemon Grove's children have not escaped the national trend of overweight children.

Remember, parents are the most important role model to teach children healthy behaviors. Starting healthy habits at a young age can make a big difference. The City and the Lemon Grove School District encourage families to discuss this issue, create active habits and add healthy food choices to your daily routine (for example, walking more and eating fresh fruits and vegetables).

To learn more about what you can do, visit:

www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth

www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/cdic/copi

www.nih.gov/news/WordonHealth/jun2002/childhoodobesity.htm

Environmental News

TIPS FOR AN ECO-FRIENDLIER HOLIDAY SEASON

Americans throw away an additional 5 million tons of trash - *25% more than usual* - between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. That extra helping of consumer goods, packaging, food waste, and Christmas trees takes a real toll on the environment. More paper and plastic packaging means more trees are cut down and more petroleum is extracted; more consumer goods means more energy is used for manufacture and for transport. But the holidays don't have to be a time of waste! Try these practical tips to lighten your impact this holiday season...

GIFT WRAP

Much of the additional waste headed to the landfill during the holiday season comes in the form of gift wrap and packaging. Good alternative gift wraps include:

- Old maps, sheet music or colorful ads from old magazines
- Baskets
- Reusable tins
- Scarves, and handkerchiefs
- Leftover fabric or fabric gift bags
- Lightweight wallpaper
- Pages from a child's coloring book taped together
- Newspapers (foreign newspapers are great) and Sunday comic pages
- Last year's holiday paper (press with warm iron if wrinkled).
- Pictures or advertisements from magazines and catalogs
- A plain box decorated with leftover glitter, paint, markers, etc.
- A useable cake pan or a wooden box.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees are usually grown on tree farms that use large amounts of pesticides and petrochemical fertilizers. These toxic chemicals pollute the land and waterways and can poison wildlife. It takes 7 to 10 years to grow a Christmas tree, whose useful product life is about one month. At the end of the Christmas season, the cut tree is disposed of either in the landfill or through the yard waste program.



A better choice is to use a live potted tree that can be used over the years or can be replanted. If you do pick a cut tree, be sure to set it out on the curb for your yard waste collection.

Lawn Care, Stormwater and YOU!

- ♦ **DO** rake and collect yard or green waste (including tree leaves) and dispose of properly or use a mulcher to create natural mulch for flower beds and around trees.
- ♦ **DON'T** use a blower to push yard or green waste into the street and/or gutter.
- ♦ **DO** use integrated pest management. Use other organisms to naturally rid your garden of pests without the use of chemicals. Visit www.ipm.ucdavis.edu for more information on integrated pest management.
- ♦ **DON'T** treat a pest problem you don't have. Pesticides do not act as preventive maintenance and over-use leads to polluted run-off.

Clean-up Event: Volunteers Needed!!

Plan to join us to participate in the fifth annual "I Love A Clean San Diego" Creek to Bay Clean-up event in April 2007 (Date and times to be announced.) Watch for updates on The "I Love A Clean San Diego" website at www.ilacsd.org.

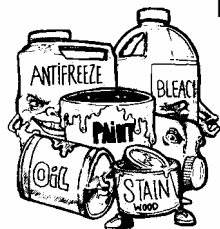
The City of Lemon Grove will have a local clean-up site and all volunteers are welcome. Help save Chollas Creek and San Diego Bay!

Please call the Stormwater Hotline for more information at (619) 825-3810.

Environmental News

What to do with leftover Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)??

It's easy to dispose of HHW safely...Just call 1-800-HHW-PKUP (1-800-449-7587), Lemon Grove's FREE home pick-up service, to make an appointment for collection. A collection kit and instructions will be mailed to you.



Please, never put these items in the trash...

HOUSEHOLD

All Purpose Cleaners
Ammonia, Disinfectants
Drain Cleaners
Polishes
Household Batteries

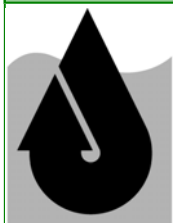
YARD AND GARDEN

Lighter Fluid
Pesticides
Paints, Stains, Thinners
Pool Chemicals
Fertilizers

GARAGE

Motor Oil and filters
Car Batteries, Gear Oil
Transmission Fluid
Antifreeze, Gasoline
Glues, Adhesives

USED OIL RECYCLING...Attention Do-It-Yourselfers!!



RECYCLE
USED OIL

Thank you for taking the time to change your car's oil and filter. Regular maintenance will keep it running smoothly, cleanly, and efficiently.

But, did you know...?

- ◆ Every year in California, over 20 million gallons of used motor oil is disposed of in an unknown manner by do-it-yourselfers.
- ◆ The oil from a single oil change (1 gallon) can ruin the taste of *one million gallons* of drinking water.
- ◆ Oil does not wear out - it just gets dirty! Mercedes Benz installs re-refined oil in every new car manufactured.
- ◆ If the oil generated by all the do-it-yourselfers in America were collected and re-refined, it would provide enough motor oil for over 50 million cars every year!
- ◆ Every year, 20 million oil filters are purchased by California do-it-yourselfers, but *only 10% are recycled!*
- ◆ Recycling 1 ton of used oil filters recovers 1,700 pounds of steel and up to 60 gallons of used oil.



RECYCLE
USED OIL FILTERS

*Funded by a grant from the
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Management Board*

Please do your part and recycle. It's easy to properly dispose of dirty motor oil and filters at Lemon Grove's three oil recycling centers.

Used Oil Recycling Centers

AutoZone 7582 Broadway (619) 697-7711 <i>oil only, NO filters</i>	EDCO Disposal Corp. 6670 Federal Blvd. (619) 287-7555 <i>oil AND filters</i>	Kragen Auto Parts 6925 Federal Blvd. (619) 697-2467 <i>oil AND filters</i>
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Please call for hours of operation and quantities accepted.

Alternative Cleaning Recipes...

Many commercial cleaners contain toxic substances that are dangerous to our health and the environment. Try using safer, non-toxic alternatives, which are also less expensive! The **Ecology Center** website offers alternative cleaning recipes using nontoxic ingredients that are as effective and easy to use as commercial products. Look up recipes for different types of household cleaners, fabric stain removers, glass cleaners, floors, upholstery and many more at www.ecologycenter.org/factsheets/cleaning.html.

All-Purpose Cleaner

1 quart warm water
1 teaspoon liquid soap
1 teaspoon borax
1/4 cup undiluted white vinegar

Mix ingredients and store in a spray bottle. Use for cleaning countertops, floors, walls, carpets and upholstery.

MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 3146 School Lane.

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 3146 School Lane.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3rd Monday every other month, 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Department, 7853 Central Avenue. For meeting dates, please call (619) 825-3810.

We're on the WEB!

www.ci.lemon-grove.ca.us

Web-Extras!

Visit our website to access these additional features:

- ◆ Redevelopment Survey
- ◆ Downtown Village Specific Plan
- ◆ Code Enforcement Administrative Citation Procedures
- ◆ Recreation Brochure
- ◆ Youth Recreation Registration Packet
- ◆ Facility Rental Application

AT A GLANCE... Telephone Numbers

Fire Department.....	825-3835
(non-emergency)	
Sheriff Department	337-2000
(non-emergency)	
Animal Control.....	691-5123
Chamber of Commerce	469-9614
Swimming Pool Info.....	698-2502
Historical Society.....	460-4353
Library	463-9819
School District	825-5600

CITY HALL

Mayor & City Council	825-3800
City Manager, Finance.....	825-3800
Planning/Building	825-3805
Public Works/Engineering.....	825-3810
Recreation Services	825-3815

HOTLINES

Jobline	825-3813
Code Enforcement.....	825-3807
Graffiti.....	825-3813
Storm Drain	
Spills/Dumping.....	825-3810



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